

## BLONDIE



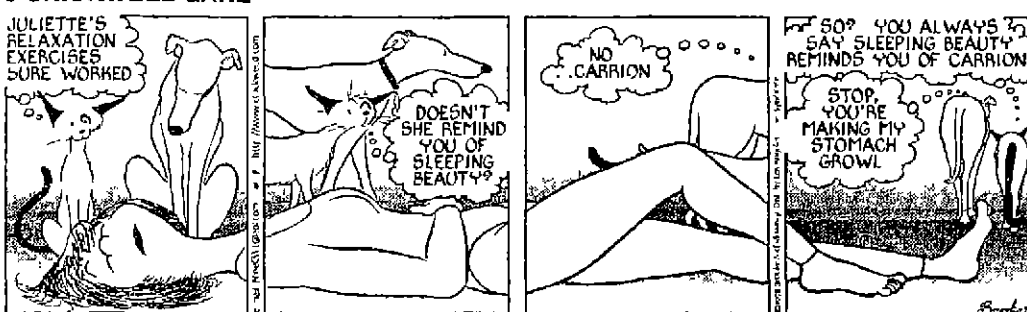
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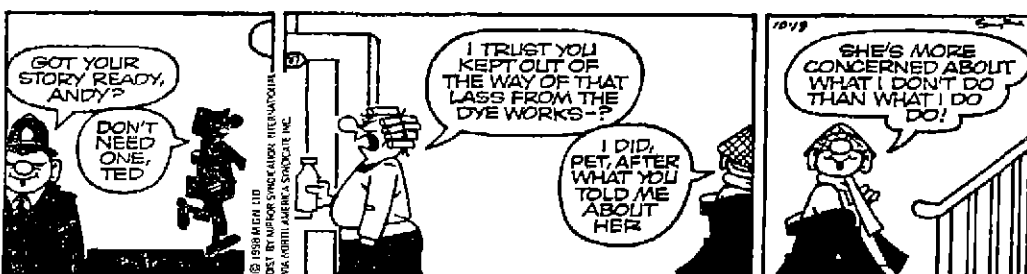
## THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



## 9 CHICKWEED LANE



## ANDY CAPP



## ROSE IS ROSE



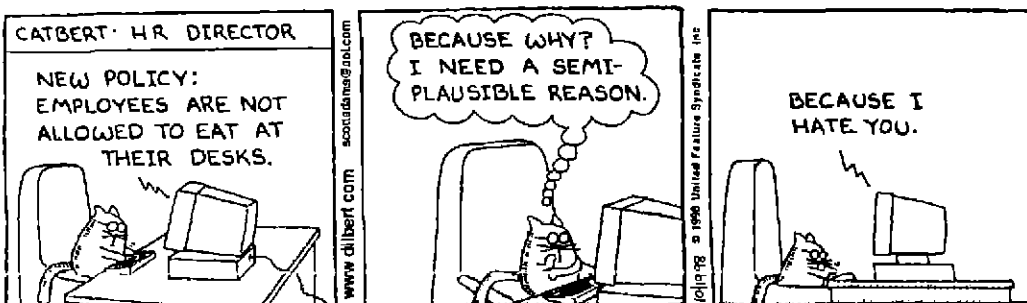
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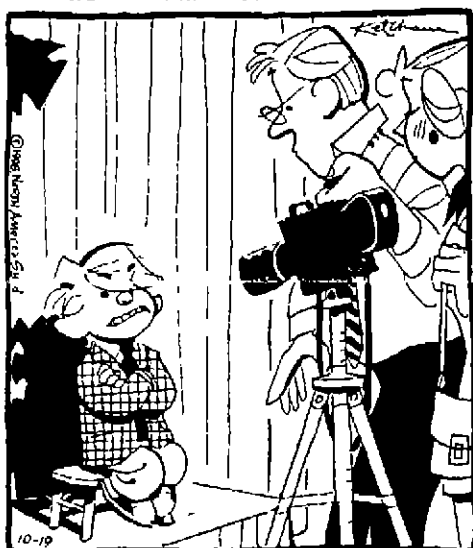
## MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



## DILBERT



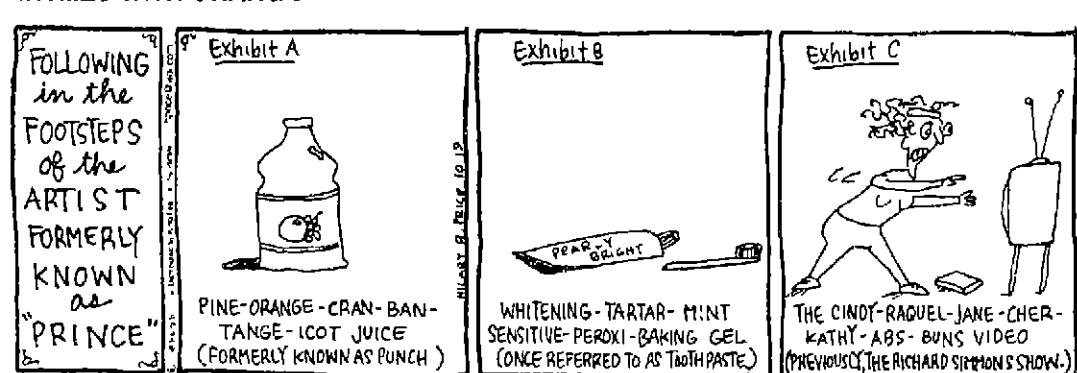
## DENNIS THE MENACE



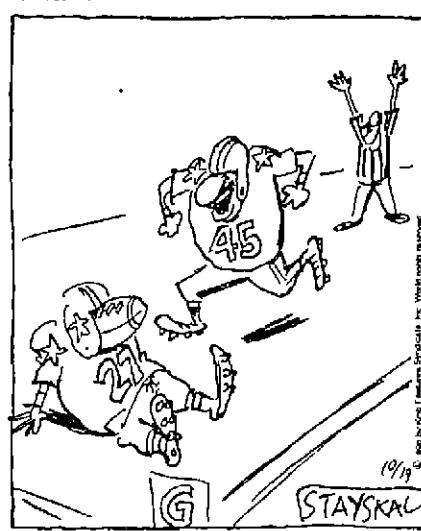
## FAMILY CIRCUS



## RHYMES WITH ORANGE



## RALPH



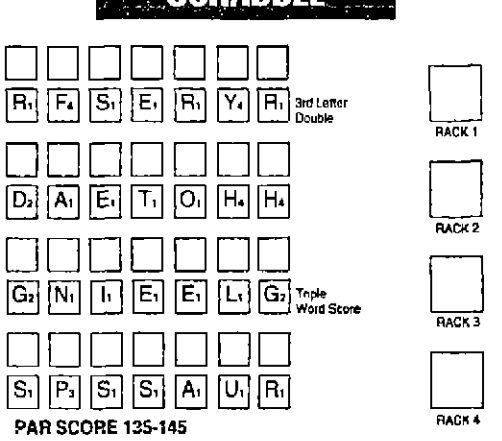
## Today's Birthdays

Columnist Jack Anderson is 76  
Author John Le Carré is 67  
Artist Peter Max is 61  
Actor Michael Gambon is 58  
Actor John Lithgow is 53  
Singer Jeannie C. Riley is 53  
Talk show host Charlie Chase is 46  
Singer Jennifer Holliday is 38  
Rock singer-musician Todd Park Mohr (Big Head Todd and the Monsters) is 33  
Amy Carier is 31  
Rock singer Pras Michel (The Fugees) is 26

## I NEED HELP



## SCRABBLE



PAR SCORE 135-145  
by JUDD  
FOUR RACK TOTAL TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN  
DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word, using scoring directions at right. 7 letter words get 50-point bonus. "Blanks" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam Webster) and CSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW 10-19-98 © 1998 United Feature Syndicate Inc.

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## WORD SLEUTH

## Things that return

A I F C A X V S B Q O L R J H  
E C A X S V S E O H C E T R P  
N L J H F T S D O O F D A B D  
B Y X B R V I T M L T R P O M  
P K I A G E B B E D B Z X S W  
U I D D T C O C R K R Q S E O  
N A G P H L T J A O C I N I G  
R F D E C I T A N Y X O U L W  
V T C N O S L A G I D O R P S  
R K P N O N E N L K J I E E G  
S F S Y E C S L A T N E R R B

Saturday's unlisted clue: COLLIE

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Monday's unlisted clue hunt: REFLECTED SOUNDS  
Bad food: Checks, Prigdig son, Repiles  
Bed penny: Lies, Radar, Reruns  
Booming: Orbits, Reflections, Rockets  
Bottles: Pigeons, Rentals

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## HOROSCOPE

For Tuesday, Oct. 20, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your methodical approach prevents you from repeating a common error.  
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Someone else's adventure coincides with your own in a fortuitous manner.  
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Retain a calm demeanor when dealing with a difficult youngster.  
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Doing something fresh and unexpected adds a whole new shade to your mood spectrum.  
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Take a good, hard look at your long-term financial situation. While it will pay off to put some practical measures into effect, remember that security is mainly a state of mind.  
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) If you feel you're going over others' heads, revert to layman's terminology.  
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) A family member or friend respects your ruthless honesty.  
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Surrender to forces larger than yourself to fully enjoy a very special moment.  
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Accepting your limitations gracefully will make them suddenly seem much more minor.  
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) Your astonishing brainpower is the envy of all those who know you well.  
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) Once you have laid the groundwork, a project will take off at high speed.  
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) It's high time that someone in your life recognized you for the treasure you are.

## ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

West leads his higher club, and East wins a top club, cashes another, and continues the suit. What happens if West ruffs with his king to prevent a cheap ruff in dummy? He gets the third trick for his side, but he eliminates any chance for his side to get a fourth. After West's impatient ruff, South can finesse against East's trump queen and hold his losses to only two clubs and a trump. Because West's trump king will always score a trick and there is no pressing need for immediate action, West should discard on the third round of clubs instead of ruffing. The discard allows dummy to ruff, but observe the dramatic difference. After dummy uses a trump to ruff the third club, South can lead trumps from dummy only once. And no matter how he plays the suit, he cannot pick up East's queen. South then loses two trump tricks and two clubs and suffers a one-trick set. Everyone likes to win a trick when he can. Sometimes it's much better to delay the pleasure.

## N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0907

## ACROSS

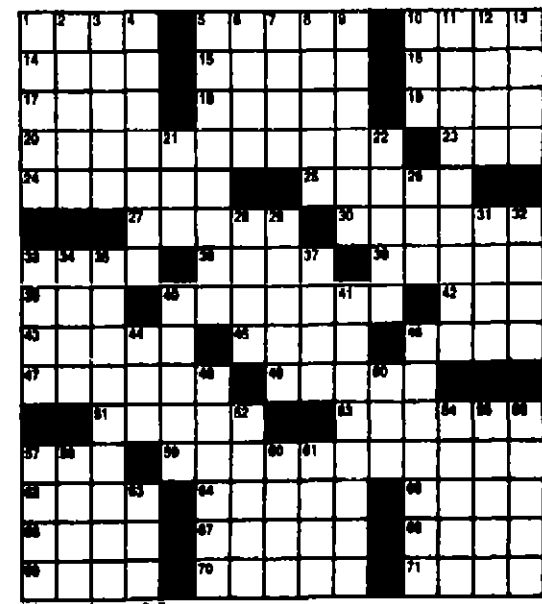
1 Toasted sandwiches, for short  
6 Politician Alexander  
10 Very funny one  
14 Dublin's land  
15 Habitation  
16 The "I" in "The King and I"  
17 Send out  
18 Suppers  
19 Hoof it  
20 Agitated  
23 Caustic substance  
24 Mrs. Kowalski, in "A Streetcar Named Desire"  
25 Hall-of-Famer Yogi  
27 1950's car with a horse-collar grille  
30 Yak, yak, yak  
33 Buffoons  
36 "The Wind in the Willows" character  
38 World leader who gave his name to a jacket  
39 Zilch  
40 Browbeat  
42 Trains to the Loop  
43 Bring out  
46 Fodder holder  
48 Lose sleep (over)  
47 Harbor a grudge about  
49 Frisco grinder  
51 Softens, with "down"  
53 Golf shoe features  
57 Word repeated in "Does... or doesn't...?"  
59 Agitated  
62 Prayer receiver, with "the"  
64 Sweater size  
66 Neck hair  
68 Comply  
69 Turn outward  
70 Tommy of the 80's-70's Meta  
71 Brainy, socially inept sort

## DOWN

1 Strengthens, with "up"  
2 See 56-Down  
3 Said too often  
4 Pays, as a bill  
5 Chew out  
6 Have — in one's bonnet  
7 Castle defense  
8 Wing it, speechwise  
9 Visited again  
10 Inexperienced  
11 Agitated  
12 "Members" —  
13 Give's partner  
14 Long in the tooth  
15 Guzzled  
16 I-95, e.g. Abbr.  
18 Seemingly forever  
19 Rabbit fur

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

WES, ALLIE, LIVER, EXCISIONS, UTILE, STINKIEST, NOSED, TREE, STEED, CAD, MAN, EDELS, RENE, ACCORD, PLO, EROS, MYETNA, SETAPART, HADU, SERA, FINISHER, REVOTE, ERIC, EYE, ICEMAN, MANS, ALPACA, ARG, ATE, ATILT, ALTY, LEFER, NAMUATLAN, ELITE, ECOSPHERE, SYNGS, HESST, YES



Puzzle by Gregory E. Paul

21 Writer — Stanley Gardner  
22 Reddish-brown  
23 Lulu  
24 Candy stripper, e.g.  
25 Agitated  
27 Takeout lunch provider  
28 Redhead's secret, maybe  
29 Basement floor material  
30 Corp numero uno  
31 With 2 Down, 65 miles per hour, say  
32 Hardly a neetnik  
33 Tramp  
34 Songbird  
35 Fearsome one  
36 Hair coloring  
46 One released from bondage  
48 Bank employee  
49 Antlered animal  
50 Work like a dog  
51 "It ain't broke, don't fix it," e.g.  
55 Radio part

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